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## WESTLAKE GETS VERDICT IN INJURES NEW HOME

**Jury Gives \$10.00 Damages Against the Western Union Telegraph Co.**

In circuit court, this week, U. R. Westlake of this city got a verdict for \$10.00 against the Western Union Telegraph Co.

E. J. Hall, a minister, who brought suit against his wife for divorce was granted that which he sought. The couple seem to have been unhappily paired. Other doings are:

Ulrich vs. Ulrich, partition. Interests of parties ascertained, land ordered sold.

Cunningham vs. Atterbury, replevin. Continued.

The Westinghouse Co. vs. W. H. Collins, ejectment. Transferred to Keytesville.

Geo. Wright vs. Wabash R. R. damages. Defendant given 60 days to answer. Continued.

U. R. Westlake vs. Western Union, damages. Verdict for \$10 for plaintiff on second count verdict on order of court for defendant on first count.

Carl Wilson vs. Edna Wilson, divorce. Tried by court decree.

City of Salisbury vs. T. P. Schooler appeal from J. P. court. Defendant discharged.

Nance vs. Hayward, suit on note. Judgment for \$325.50, with 6 per cent interest.

Crawford vs. Crawford, divorce. Continued.

Cline vs. Cline, divorce. Plaintiff divorced and restored to former name, Mattie Parker.

E. J. Hall vs. Mary I. Hall, divorce. Decree.

Lula Kahler vs. W. Kahler, divorce. Transferred to Keytesville. Attorney's fee of \$150 and alimony in sum of \$15.00 allowed.

Wray vs. Wray, divorce. Decree.

Winn vs. Winn divorce. Decree.

Bank of Moberly vs. J. G. Utz. Foreclosure. Decree.

Ball vs. Ball, suit on note. Judgment for \$117.88 and 6 per cent interest against George Coleman and Lucile Ferree.

Riley vs. Riley, divorce. Decree.

Bessie Moritz vs. Joseph M. Moritz, divorce. Decree and judgment for alimony.

Taylor vs. Perlins et al. mandate. Transferred to Keytesville.

Wiseman vs. Taylor et al., damages. Temporary injunction dissolved. Judgment for defendant. General damages \$100 and \$75 attorney's fee allowed.

Hamm vs. Maddox et al., partition. Decree and land ordered sold.

Johnson vs. Johnson, divorce. Decree.

Loeb vs. Kennedy, to revive judgment. Continued.

Bonn vs. Wanger et al. suit to set aside will. Verdict for defendants.

Lang vs. Westlake, suit to cancel mortgage, etc. Plaintiff given 30 days to file amended petition, defendant 60 days to answer. Continued.

Mrs. Landon Sneed and daughters left Wednesday for Mt. Vernon where they will reside. Mrs. Sneed accepting the place as matron of the institution. They will reside in a cottage separate from the Administration building where the matron and other women employees will stay. The living rooms are in the second floor above the dining room in the cottage.

Newton Long and son Harry came to Keytesville Wednesday afternoon with John Shannon and automobile.

**Mrs. Vandiver's K. C. Residence Damage \$3000—Insured**

Mrs. C. P. Vandiver received a message over telephone last Sunday that a fire midnight Saturday had resulted in a partial destruction of her new home in Wabash Avenue, Kansas City.

The message gave no details excepting that the building was only partially destroyed. Mrs. Vandiver and Roy Cropper went up Sunday afternoon to look over the site of the fire and sent word back that the damage was about \$3000 to the interior of the structure. The building was insured for \$5,000.

There are some other developments to the affair that lend an added interest. Some woman, who painted china for a living, has been living in the house for years and efforts had been made to oust her, both by Mr. Thrash and Mrs. Vandiver. A judgment of ouster had been obtained and the woman was to have been evicted Monday. The fire occurred at midnight Saturday.

It seems that the woman had put up a strenuous resistance to being put out. There is no evidence to connect her with the blaze further than the knowledge of the lawsuit to evict her and the further fact that the fire seems to have started in the room where her oven for "baking" the painted china was located. The fire destroyed the interior of that room on the ground floor, burned upward through the room above and into the attic. The outer walls and roof were not damaged. The water used by the fireman added to the damage caused by the fire.

Mrs. Vandiver returned to Keytesville Tuesday afternoon. She had intended moving to the city at once but this may delay her departure until the insurance is adjusted and repairs made.

### Goes to Chicago University

H. B. Richardson received word last Saturday from Rev. Wolfe stating that the latter had accepted for two years the pastorate of the M. E. church at Whiting, Indiana, the big Rockefeller school and expects to secure his "D. D." at this school. He will send for his wife and they will make their home at Chicago as soon as he can make arrangements.

### Marriage Licenses

J. L. Hedges jr. Moberly. Viola Chrane, Moberly. Harry C. Bachtel, Brunswick. Ora Smutz, Brunswick. Herman Vonderahe, Salisbury. Anna Wongler, Salisbury. Frank S. Reichele, Wien. Mary A. Bixenmann, Wien.

### Weather Delays Infirmary

Contractor Hibbs of Kansas City after years of contracting work says he never ran across a job that held quite so many bad spots for him as the new county infirmary. He says that the weather has been so bad, so much rain and cool atmosphere that it has practically put an end to all concrete work of all kinds. He was to finish his building by the first of October but he says he will need not only that length of time but the additional time allowed by the county court and possibly, then some. He has tried hard to get through with the work as every day lost means a loss to him.

Rev. Ransford returned Monday afternoon from Ravenwood where he delivered his first sermon to his new charge.

Woodrow Wilson is a good man, a bright man and a conscientious man.

Yet, few knew it.

How did they find it out?

His press agent elected him.

He had the goods but some one had to show the people.

It was this newspaper advertising that aroused interest and placed his stock of virtues before the public eye.

The best stock of merchandise in the world would rot on the shelves, without advertising.

Advertising imbues it with life, moves it from shelves and dollars replace it.

Sales and advertising are interchangeable terms.

### Will Appeal Case

U. R. Westlake has decided to appeal his case against the Western Union when the jury at Salisbury gave him judgment for \$10 on one count and decided against him on the other. He was suing for damages and the statutory penalty of \$300, for failure to transmit a message. The penalty was refused it is said, on the ground that Westlake did not pay cash with the message when he filed it, but, as it is customary here, sent it through the telephone office, the agent of the telegraph office prepaid, and the telephone office collected at the end of the month as is the custom with responsible parties. Mr. Westlake feels that the message stands just the same, under the circumstances, as if he had gone to the telephone office and deposited the cash with it. For this reason he will take the case, it is said, to the court of appeals.

### Attends Synod

Rev. Duvall of Salisbury was here Sunday and preached at the Bethany C. P. church. He attended the session of the McGee presbyterian at Huntsville last week and reported a good meeting. He also will attend the session of the Missouri Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian church which commenced Thursday September 25 and continues over Sunday. O. G. Dameron of this city was appointed a delegate to the synod but did not attend owing to business matters.

### Inconsistent Man

Some fellow raises a howl through the Kansas City papers about women covering their ears with their hair. This was not made by a married man, it will be noted. Yet this man who asks the exposure of women's ear in all their hideous nakedness also kicks about slit skirts. This appears to be the limit to date.

### Irate Husband Boots Wife

A Moberly man came home Monday night and found his wife entertaining another man. He beat the visitor with a poker and then kicked both parties out of the house telling them not to come back. Moberly seems to be a town where that kind of thing is pretty common.

### Infant Dead

The infant child of Aldrich Huckaby, died Friday of last week at the age of 10 days. The burial was at Asbury.

The city is having some needed work done on the drains alongside the streets to run off the surface water. The last big rain proved the present drainage system to be inadequate so the ditches are being deepened and cleared and tiles are being renewed or cleaned.

## MRS. STRAUB FILES SUIT

**Notified Possible Buyers that Estate is Held in Trust**

Lizzie Straub has filed notice with the Recorder that she will file a suit in the November term of the circuit court to have an estate of 100 acres of land apportioned between herself and four others. She alleges that years ago a deed from Valentine Kahler and wife to W. J. Kahler was made in trust for the five persons mentioned above and that the notice is to any who might by purchase or otherwise take an estate in said 100 acres so conveyed.

### Probate Court Notes

J. W. Sparks has been appointed guardian and curator of Floyd W. and Homer L. Morris, heirs of Mrs. Maggie H. Morris. Bond was required and given in the sum of \$400.

The sum of \$35.50 was allowed against the F. B. Wilson estate. E. M. Bumgarner was the claimant.

An order of distribution was entered in the estate of J. W. Rodgers. The administrator, A. C. Yocum, was ordered to distribute 75 per cent. or more of the moneys now in hand to the parties entitled thereto in proportion to the estate.

### A Serious Fall

Dr. and Mrs. Perkins of Kansas City came down last week for a visit to old friends. They were at the home of John Dinsmore southeast of town the latter part of the week.

When coming down the stairs Saturday morning Mrs. Perkins fell practically the full length of the steps and fractured her right limb about six inches above the knee in addition sustaining bruises. A surgeon from the city was called and reduced the fracture and put the aged woman in as comfortable condition as could be expected though she suffered from the effects of the fall considerably.

Three local ladies dressed up in actorine style Monday night and went up town. A gentleman formerly in the theatrical business who has an eye for the profession was rambling by when he saw what he thought was a bunch of three actresses and stepped in. He later saw his mistake and offered to buy the drinks for the crowd.

A tile with more than double the capacity of that formerly in use is being laid at the corner of the Elliott residence in E. Bridge street to drain the school house block. The drain originally was too small and in addition was entirely closed with mud so the water collected in a mudhole or rambled over the crossing. The new drain, with proper protection ought to do good service.

S. M. White still deplores the Mexican imbroglio which has put a quietus on the game chicken business in that section. The Mexicans delight in bull-fights and cock-fights and while he has not been supplying the bulls, he has supplied quite a few gamecocks of his good fighting stock. However, the cool weather up north has put the fight idea into the heads of some of the Wisconsin residents and he shipped a good bird to north Wisconsin Monday.

The candidates selected into the fraternities at the University of Missouri were announced this week. No Keytesville or other Chariton county boys' name appeared in the list of Freshmen so elected.

## BOUND FOR WOOLLY WEST

**Three Local Spirits Start Westward on the Hobo Route Sunday.**

Idaho or bust.

This was the last word had by local people on the mysterious disappearance of Warner alias "Cheese" Holman, Nick Ferguson and Oliver Baker who left here Sunday bound for the west and will probably land, busted.

Be it known that Mr. Holman was assistant postmaster, Mr. Baker, foreman for the Recorder and Mr. Ferguson, an employee at the home of Dr. Zillman.

They left here Sunday afternoon and rode the cushions to Brunswick where they visited their fair ones until late when they waited for a passenger and rode the bumper's into Kansas City. They left there, still on the "bo" for the northwest and a local boy got a postal from them stating they were in Topeka. It seems they are bound for Idaho or Montana, strong with the lust of adventure. It is not known if they took with them scalping knives but it is suspected they will have some spirited encounters with the Indians as their conversation before they left indicated they expected something of this sort. The boys "raised" what they could from their friends by the borrowing method, without security and left these in addition to others to mourn their departure.

Requiescat in pace. The watermelons this year have been expensive and scarce as a result of a drouth. They have lacked in size, flavor and cheapness what they have had in prior years. The demand also has not been up to the former notch. Grapes are coming in and are of good quality. Peaches have been fair, some extra good ones, but on the whole, the lay-out has not been as tempting as in past years. Some are still coming although their cheeks are haggard from the cold and they lack the crispness and flavor of warmer weather product.

The Interurban Magazine was sent to us by Mrs. Amne Grinstead Younes, formerly a Keytesville girl and one among Missouri's handsomest women who is a contributor and connected with the magazine in other capacities. It is a well printed and splendidly illustrated magazine dealing with topics which the title would indicate interspersed with scientific matters and short stories. It is a monthly at \$1.00 a year and from the sample copy which is for September and No. 5 Vol. 1 it is well worth the money and we wish it great success.

The Kansas City market is dealing pretty heavily at this season with cows which are being taken out by feeders. They are heeding the slogan that men must raise their own cattle and they are beginning to do it. When feeders begin to raise their own cattle and keep enough on hands all the time to breed their own stock the cattle market will be a steadier project, prices will tend to be more stable and with the aid of the silo to adjust short and long seasons, remarkable fluctuations in the market may be a thing of the past within a few years.

Reports from different part of the state indicate that many shocks of corn have been struck by lightning. This is a rather unusual condition as the lightning is usually attracted by larger and taller objects.